

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 24th, 2022

Present: Doug Langdon, Dale Sylvia, Scott Ramsey, Sarah Bailey

Guests:

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: Dale called the meeting to order at 6:01

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: Tabled, quorum to approve not present.

New Business:

Revolving Fund Overview:

Beginning Balance: \$568,547.44

Ending Balance: \$604,186.08

The Commission discussed the projections for the Revolving Fund.

There were 386 participants in January. The Department is working through the Aftercare waitlist with hopes of increasing the number of participants in the following months.

The Commission discussed staffing updates. The Program Coordinator will be out for medical reasons until at least the end of April. Office staff are working collaboratively to cover the responsibilities, but there are minimal programs going on due to the gym wall construction.

The Department is working to hire for Summer Camp. Sarah asked that the Commission spread the word that there are positions open.

Jessica worked with TA MacIver to restructure the Assistant Director Position. Since the Program Coordinator was added the Assistant Director has been able to take on more responsibilities with the oversight and projections of department budgets. TA MacIver was very willing and supportive of the re-evaluation. To reflect the added responsibilities, the position increased a step which also increased the hourly rate of the position.

Sarah informed the Commission that the College Scholarship Application has been posted to the website and advertised. The Department decided on one \$3,000 scholarship and one \$2,000 scholarship. Sarah asked the Commission to spread the word that applications are due May 5th. The Commission asked if the scholarships were advertised at the three local high schools. Sarah said the Department would follow up and ensure that they are. Dale mentioned that he would like to discuss the potential of having three scholarships for next year.

Sarah gave the Commission an update on programs. The Sweetheart Skate was canceled in February due to unsafe ice conditions. Summer Camp Lottery enrollment is open through March 14. Before and After School Care sign ups are going to be March 19th at 10:00am through the same Google

link as last year. The Egg Hunt event is scheduled for April 9th. The Fishing Derby will be May 21st. The Tricentennial Committee is hosting a parade on July 23rd. The Recreation Department is hoping to participate with a float and is asking that some of the Commissioners join the float. The Commission was in support of this idea, but Dale and Scott are already participating in the parade on other floats. Men's Basketball will only happen on Wednesday nights at BMS during the gym construction and Zumba will also be at BMS for the Winter 2 Session. AM Yoga has been cancelled for this session. The instructor was no longer able to offer the class for personal reasons.

Sarah gave an update on the outstanding and ongoing Recreation projects. The wall construction will start this week. The office will remain open to the public during construction. TA MacIver is in support of an energy audit for the fourth gym wall, but there are no updates at this time. The plumbing issue has been addressed enough that the bathrooms are usable, but there was a softball sized hole found in the piping. Jim Towle is evaluating the options and will determine the best way to proceed. There are no new details for parks. Doug asked if there was a timeline on the possible fill. Sarah said that the Department was still not sure on timing, but it would not happen before camp at this point. The Rotary Pavilion is still being finalized. Jessie talked to Dyana from Ultiplay and was told that the Shade Structures are still on the schedule to be installed at the end of March, but Jessie gave them a hard deadline of May.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 6:44, Scott Seconded. Vote unanimous.